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The Origin of Memorial Day

It may be interesting to the readers of the "Observer" to know that "Memorial Day," now observed throughout the North and the South, had its origin in Columbus, Mississippi, on April 25, 1866. The following poem was inspired by an incident which occurred there, the "inland river" being the Tombigbee, upon whose banks the beautiful little city is situated:

The Blue and the Gray

By the flow of the inland river,
Where the fleets of iron have fled,
Where the blades of the grave-grass
quiver,
Asleep are the ranks of the dead;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day:
Under the one, the Blue;
Under the other, the Gray.

These in the robings of glory,
Those in the gloom of defeat,
All with the battle blood gory,
In the dusk of eternity meet;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day:
Under the laurel, the Blue;
Under the willow, the Gray.

From the silence of sorrowful hours,
The desolate mourners go,
Lovingly laden with flowers
Alike for the friend and the foe;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day:
Under the roses, the Blue;
Under the lilies, the Gray.

So with an equal splendor
The morning sunrises fall,
With a touch impartially tender,
On the blossoms blooming for all;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day:
Broidered with gold, the Blue;
Mellowed with gold, the Gray.

So when the summer calleth
On forest and field of grain,
With an equal murmur falleth
The cooling drip of the rain:
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day:
Wet with the rain, the Blue;
Wet with the rain, the Gray.

Sadly, but not with upbraiding,
The generous dead was done;
In the storm of the years that are
fading
No braver battle was won;
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day:
Under the blossoms, the Blue;
Under the garlands, the Gray.

No more shall the war-cry sever,
Or the winding rivers be red;
They banish our anger forever
When they laurel the graves of our
dead.
Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day:
Love and tears for the Blue;
Tears and love for the Gray.

—By Francis Miles Finch.
Referring to a history of Columbus, Mississippi, by Dr. W. L. Lipscomb, I find this statement:

"In the spring of 1866 three ladies of Columbus were in the habit of visiting Friendship Cemetery and of clearing off as best they could the weeds and briars, and decorating with flowers the graves of the Confederate dead.

"This beautiful custom, inaugurated by them, found a hearty response in the breasts of the ladies of Columbus, and resulted in a determination to make the decoration of the soldiers' graves an annual occurrence. The first celebration took place April 25, 1866.

"The 'Columbus Index' of April 26, gives an account as follows: 'The procession of yesterday, in honor of the Confederate dead, was large and imposing. First marched in two the young girls and ladies, dressed in immaculate white, each bearing a bouquet or chaplet of flowers. Next came the matrons, dressed in mourning, and bearing flowers in their hands. . . . Lastly came the carriages bearing elderly ladies. Arriving at the cemetery, the ladies assembled around the graves of the soldiers in the form of a square. . . . An elaborate and eloquent address was delivered by Rev. G. T. Stainback, and, following it, a fervent prayer by Rev. A. S. Andrews. The ladies then performed the beautiful and touching duty of decorating the graves with flowers. . . . We were glad to see that no distinction was made between our own dead and about forty Federal soldiers who sleep their last sleep beside them. It proved the exalted, un-

selfish tone of the female character, Confederate and Federal, once enemies, now receiving this tribute of respect. So Columbus claims also the distinction of being the first to decorate the graves of both Confederate and Federal soldiers alike."

The "Index" further comments upon the spirit which instigated this magnanimous act and states that it was at the suggestion of "a lady—one of the sweetest women with whom God ever blessed the earth—who volunteered, of her own mind, to strew flowers upon the Federal graves. . . . It is not improper to state that this good woman lost a gallant husband in the Confederate Cause, himself a worthy wearer of the gray."

"It appears from the last article quoted," continues Lipscomb's history, "that the editor designed that especial mention should be made of Mrs. Augusta Cox, formerly Mrs. Augusta Murdock Sykes, now living in Columbus, Miss."

A few days after the account of this incident was published, the "New York Tribune" printed these words: "The women of Columbus, Mississippi, have shown themselves impartial in their offerings made to the memory of their soldier dead. They have strewn with flowers alike the graves of the Confederate and of the National soldiers, in the Columbus cemetery."

The women of the North were thrilled with the tenderness and generosity of the act, and Francis Miles Finch was inspired to write his immortal moving lyric, "The Blue and the Gray."

Grace Augusta Ogden of Atlanta, "the little granddaughter of Mrs. Augusta Cox, to whose spirit such tribute is paid, heard for the first time a rumor of this episode and wrote to have it substantiated. The reply, in the daintiest tracery, of a generation past, lies before me, and is in part as follows:

"Just after the first decoration of our Confederate soldiers' graves, I was on the committee with a dear friend, Miss Matt Morton; and we had a large quantity of flowers in excess of what we needed for our own dead. The graves of the Federal soldiers looked so bare and desolate, I said to my friend, 'Let us drop a flower on each of their graves for their mothers' sakes; each mound represents some mother's darling.' She responded cheerfully, so we led off, followed by a few, but now it has become a custom to remember, the 'Blue and the Gray,' and we know Jesus would have us forgive as we hope to be forgiven. He loved everyone and we are to follow his example or we cannot be His disciples."

"This was a long time ago, but how good God is in allowing me to tell one of my own dear grandchildren; and surely it is easier for you to forgive who know only through others of the horrors of war. Let us strive to forget the past and remember that 'God is love.'"

So this brave little woman, who buried the love of her young life with a Confederate soldier, and turned to drop a flower on the grave of a fallen foe, still lives, a silver-haired, great grandmother, to inculcate lessons of peace and forgiving love in the hearts of the fourth generation.—G. A. O., in the Christian Observer.

TOWN AND COUNTRY.

CO-OPERATE

The average middle-west town is not a complete unit without the country which surrounds it. They are parts of one unit. Either without the other will fail to do its work well. An occasional Fourth of July celebration, street fair, or similar whole-sale getting together, is not the kind of co-operation which alone will bring the parts of this unit into the best working harmony. Each must help the other in solving the problems of the whole unit. The town must not feel that this co-operation brings in dragging the farmer away from home in order that he may be induced to spend his money, and the farmer must not feel that towns thrive only at his expense. One acts as the selling and buying department of the unit, and the other as the producing department.

Middle-west farmers are realizing more keenly every year that their greatest problems are social and economic problems. They may need to improve their methods of crop raising, but they need much more to improve their living conditions, market facilities, and credit methods. When the towns give vigorous help in these directions, their co-operation will mean a great deal more and will meet a much prompter response and a smaller inclination to depend on mail order houses.

The buying and selling department of this unit of town and surrounding country territory is just as important and just as truly productive as are the fields and pastures in which corn, oats, wheat, and hogs are produced for home use or for market. The old idea that only the farmer and miner really produce anything, and that these who buy and sell for gain are mere parasites, has been exploded and we know now that the banker and storekeeper, the railroad and steamship and the manufacturer and jobber, are just as productive as any of the other producers if their work is economically handled. It is poor business policy for any of these useful members of society to sneer at any other, or to refuse co-operation for the common good.

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BISMARCK

Thos. D. Cheatem of Poplar Bluff was a visitor here Monday.

Mrs. J. D. Wood visited the family of H. L. Stapp at Leadwood this week. Attorney General Barker spoke to a good-size audience here Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Garrett of Desloge were here a brief time Sunday evening.

L. Todd and wife of St. Louis spent Sunday night here enroute to their Arcadia summer home.

Mr. H. L. Krenning of the Dorris Motor Car Co., of St. Louis was on our streets Friday.

Col. F. D. Gardner and Hon. John E. Swanger, two prominent candidates for Governor, were here a short time Friday enroute to Poplar Bluff to attend the Southern Missouri Drummers' Association.

Dr. E. E. Whiteside of Leadwood was a visitor here Thursday.

Wm. J. Dent and wife of Caledonia were here Saturday enroute to Columbia to visit relatives.

Mrs. Jessie M. Denton is visiting relatives in Farmington this week.

The Caledonia road commissioners have finally located the road to Bismarck, and Caledonia citizens have by petition had the mail route changed from Irondale to Bismarck. This change takes effect June 1, this year.

B. A. Eaton and wife of Flat River motored here Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Lindsey entertained her father this week, Mr. Chilton from Reynolds county.

N. A. Maxwell and family of Potosi visited relatives here Sunday. He is quite a Sunday school worker and made an interesting talk to the Sunday school at the M. E. Church here Sunday morning.

Eli D. Ake of the Ironton Register and Mrs. J. P. Gilliam and daughters of Ironton were among the guests at the home of Geo. J. Goeltz Sunday at a birthday dinner in honor of Mr. Goeltz.

Some hungry individual broke two panes of glass from the front window of Fritz Thal Sunday night, after all were asleep and lifted two cakes from within. This is another object lesson to our citizens that we need night instead of day protection. Any of us can take care of all such characters during the day light.

Miss Mary Rowen is visiting her sister, Mrs. Hannibal, at Batesville, Ark.

Frank Bean, who left here with tuberculosis enroute to Colorado, stopped at Joplin, Mo., and passed away there this week.

E. J. McGee of Sprott visited friends here Monday.

Rev. Marvin L. Haw of the M. E. Church, St. Louis, visited friends here this week.

John Nixon of Desloge was a visitor here Monday.

Capt. W. H. Evans of Hopewell visited his son, Harry E. Evans, Monday.

Mrs. Martha Tumbleton Steele left Monday for her home in Los Angeles, Cal.

Ed Hudson of Oxy, Mo., is visiting at the home of Thos. D. Snider.

Mrs. H. C. Oehler returned Monday from a visit to Farmington relatives.

Many from here went to decoration exercises at Hopewell Tuesday.

Mrs. A. H. Hinz of St. Louis was called here Monday on account of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. F. M. St. Clair, at Bellevue.

Mrs. James Bradley visited relatives at Irondale Monday.

Mrs. Finis M. St. Clair, formerly of this place, passed away Monday at her home in Bellevue, Mo. She has been an invalid for many years.

Prof. G. W. Signer and wife are visiting relatives at Ironton this week. They go to the summer Normal at Cape Girardeau Friday.

WALNUT GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lindsey spent Sunday at the home of J. H. Shaner.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Kess spent Sunday afternoon at the home of E. W. Hughes.

Mrs. E. W. Hughes had an attack of neuralgia the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Simms received news Monday of the arrival of a fine baby boy at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Silas Todd, of near Irondale.

Guy Chilton, who has been going to school at Flat River the past year, spent a few days the past week at the home of his sister, Mrs. George Lindsey. From there he went to his home at Brunot, where he will spend his vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Belknap of Bismarck spent Tuesday at the home of their son, E. Belknap.

aged it till there won't be a half crop this year.

BRIGHTSTONE

Alf. Clark made a business trip to Knob Lick Saturday.

Chas. Hightower was shopping in Knob Lick Saturday.

Ed Erwin made a special trip to Farmington Friday to get his marriage license, but failed to get them.

Joe Brewer made a business trip to Farmington Friday.

Robert Marshall and wife were visiting relatives in Knob Lick Sunday evening.

Henry and Arthur Hightower were shopping in Farmington Friday.

Grant Chamberlain made a business trip to Knob Lick Friday.

John Wells, Jr., Ed Erwin and Thos. Pritchett attended the ball at Wm. Pigg's Saturday night.

Ed Crawford passed through Bug Hollow Sunday evening with a broad axe on his shoulder. We guess he is going to make some ties.

John Mund made a business trip to Knob Lick Monday.

Major Davis made a business trip to Bug Hollow Sunday evening.

Doll Creeps was in this vicinity Sunday evening.

OAK GROVE

Noah Wampler made a business trip to Flat River last Saturday.

Geo. Shinn of Flat River spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives near here.

Noah Hammors of this community spent Saturday night with Noah A. Counts of near Salem.

Mrs. J. A. Wampler and children, Reva, Ada and Prentice, spent Sunday with Mrs. Wampler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Counts.

Elva Hammors of Flat River spent a few days recently with relatives around Oak Grove.

Several of the people of near Oak Grove attended the basket dinner at Three Rivers last Sunday.

Mr. Noah Hammors is teaching a vocal school at Salem at this writing.

Everybody read The Times—It has the best of news from all directions.

Several of the boys of this community spent Sunday in Farmington.

Misses Viola Hartor, Beulah and Hazel Wampler and Messrs. Orval and J. C. Harter spent Saturday and Sunday with N. A. Counts and family of near Salem.

Several people of this community decorated the Pleasant Hill graveyard on last Sunday.

The directors of Oak Grove school have elected Miss Catharine Lentz of Bismarck as teacher for the ensuing year.

This rain on last Saturday and Sunday was great help to the farmers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Johnson and little daughter of Flat River spent a week recently with relatives around Oak Grove.

The road between T. P. Counts' and James Womack is now opened and being traveled. The change in the road makes it straight and is a better place for a good roadbed.

A mistake was made in the Oak Grove items last week. Mr. Rodgers of near Avon was elected teacher of the Madison school, instead of Miss Matthews of Fredericktown, as announced.

A special school meeting will be held on the 10th of June at the Oak Grove school house to vote on free text books.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shinn and children of near Farmington spent Sunday with Mr. Otto Shinn and family.

Mrs. J. A. Wampler spent Decoration Day with Mrs. F. T. Harter.

The wheat of this locality is not looking very good this season. It is practically no good at all.

Willie Blackledge of near Avon has purchased a new auto from the Stanton Garage, Ste. Genevieve.

Louis Horton of Farmington was seen in this part of the country recently.

URGES HEALTH CODES FOR MISSOURI CITIES

A health code for the smaller cities of Missouri, similar to codes that have proved successful in operation in other States, has been prepared by R. C. Journey, director of the municipal Reference Bureau of the University of Missouri at Columbia.

A board of health, appointed by the Mayor for two years, would consist of members of the city council, practicing physicians, a bacteriologist and the sanitary inspector as a member ex officio. It would be the duty of the board to keep the council posted on the sanitary conditions of the city and to aid the inspector in the enforcement of the health regulations.

Ordinances are recommended to do away with insanitary outhouses; requiring manure, garbage and other refuse to be kept in fly-proof containers; regulating the distance at which stables may be built from dwellings; requiring tenants to keep their premises free from the accumulation of filth; requiring weeds to be cut and rubbish removed from property by owners and tenants; requiring dealers in food to screen it from dust; forbidding spitting in public places; requiring physicians to report within twenty-four hours all cases of infectious diseases; providing for medical examination when necessary to determine whether the disease is communicable; and for isolation of such cases on recommendation of the sanitary inspector.

Important provisions empower the sanitary inspector to have his recommendations carried out at the city's expense and the cost levied as a special tax against the property, if the tenant or owner fails to do the work himself.

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